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**JOINT STATEMENT FROM MAYOR LORI E. LIGHTFOOT, CORPORATION  
COUNSEL CELIA MEZA, AND TOLEDO FAMILY COUNSEL, ADEENA WEISS ORTIZ  
AND JOEL HIRSCHHORN**

Yesterday, the City of Chicago's Corporation Counsel, Celia Meza, met with Adeena Weiss Ortiz and Joel Hirschhorn, legal representatives for the Toledo family. Based on the Civilian Office of Police Accountability's announcement that it will be releasing the videos, both parties agree that all material should be released, including a slowed-down compilation of the events of March 29 that resulted in the tragic death of 13-year-old Adam Toledo.

We acknowledge that the release of this video is the first step in the process toward the healing of the family, the community and our city. We understand that the release of this video will be incredibly painful and elicit an emotional response to all who view it, and we ask that people express themselves peacefully.

COPA's investigation is ongoing as we seek to determine the full facts in this case. To that end, we call for full cooperation with COPA. We remain committed to working together toward reform. We ask that you continue to respect the Toledo family's privacy during this incredibly painful and difficult time.